



2019

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Create in me a clean heart, O GOD; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

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Together with Mary our Mother, our Community welcomes all to receive, live and share the Divine Mercy that comes from Jesus.

From Father Bill . . .

My friends, today, Ash Wednesday, begins the holy season of Lent.

Our first reading today from the prophet Joel calls us to 'rend' our hearts. The word 'rend' is related to the rind of an orange or lemon, that tough skin protecting the fruit. So, we can imagine a tough covering over our hearts, hard to penetrate. Our work this Lent then is to peel away whatever prevents our hearts from loving God, self, and others.

People wonder all the time what they can 'give up' for Lent. I say, to give something up is great...maybe give up sweets, maybe give up soda, whatever. But, what if we thought about what



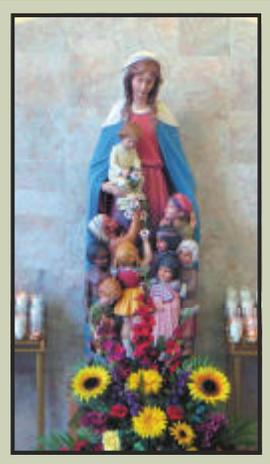
we could GIVE this Lent. What can we GIVE in regards to the three pillars of Lent...prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which are mentioned in today's Gospel? Maybe give more time to prayer...maybe taking time to pray even a short prayer for someone at a time we may not normally pray, like while driving in the car. Maybe fast from gossip, maybe fast from discrimination, maybe fast from harboring a grudge, the list is endless. And maybe in terms of almsgiving we could give more of ourselves...of our time, talent, and treasure to help not only our family, but also our church, our community, etc. Maybe giving someone the benefit of the doubt, maybe giving an ear to listen or a hand to hold, the list is endless.

My friends, as we come around this table today on this Ash Wednesday, let us be reminded that when we GIVE unselfishly, we rend our hearts and when we do this we experience a personal conversion, which is what Lent is all about. In turn, when we GIVE to another, a communal conversion also can occur and that delights the Lord. As our 2nd reading today from St. Paul states...'now is the acceptable time.'



Have a blessed Ash Wednesday and Lent everyone. Prayers abound for you and your loved ones, living and deceased.

What will you do differently to get the most out of this Lent?



Why Lent?

Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. – Pope Francis

Lent is a gift, a blessing. It is a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

Make the season of Lent a meaningful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for yourself, your loved ones, and the community.

Opportunities to Grow On Your Journey Through Lent

No Greater Love - a Lenten Group Study

There are 2 opportunities to participate:

**Tuesdays, 7-9PM (Mercy Hall) or Thursdays, 10AM-NOON (Our Lady's Hall)
beginning on March 12 and 14**

Walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary in this Lenten study by Edward Sri. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love—**drawing closer to Jesus than ever before.**

Please contact Shannon Cassidy at scassidyogs@gmail.com for more information.

Our Gift to You

Mary MOM has again purchased for you a parish subscription to FORMED.org where you can find some of the best Catholic content available - e-books, talks, movies, and faith studies. **Registration and content are free for our parishioners.**

Visit mary-mom.com to register.

Some of the resources found on formed.org to help you get the most out of Lent:

Read: Meditations for Lent by Bishop Jacques-Benigne Bossuet: This e-book features fifty brief but powerful meditations that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, offering the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent. (Downloaded books are free and yours to keep.)

Study: Symbolon – Knowing the Faith: Explore the reality of God, who He is, and how He expresses Himself to us in the most meaningful way imaginable. (ten 30 min. video sessions)

Listen: Station of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori: This is a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross. Take advantage of this audio on your commute, at home, or anywhere you find the time, to enrich your prayer during Lent or throughout the year, and better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.

Watch: Prayer: This inspiring presentation looks at the true meaning of prayer, the different types of prayer, and how we can grow in our spiritual lives. It addresses how to overcome difficulties and temptations, how to find inspiration in the lives of the saints, the centrality of the Holy Mass, and the ultimate goal of prayer. Run Time: 39 mins.

A Prayer During Lent

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to You.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in You.

Amen.

Lenten Sacrifice



ABSTINENCE

No meat can be taken by those 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays.



FASTING

A limit of one full meatless meal by those 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



SELF-DENIAL

Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended on weekdays during Lent.



PRAYER AND CHARITY

Can include daily Mass, Scripture study, Stations of the Cross, almsgiving and showing mercy and kindness to others.

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Stations of the Cross

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. This has become one of the most popular Catholic devotions. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn. The praying soul never fails to find something new in the Stations of the Cross.

Join us on **Friday evenings during Lent** at 7PM for the Stations of the Cross.

Soup & Bread Fellowship:

All are invited to a Lenten Meal of Soup & Bread following the Stations.

The Stations & Soup schedule is as follows:

Date	Church	Soup
March 8	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Church Lower Hall
March 15	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mercy Hall
March 22	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Church Lower Hall
March 29	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mercy Hall
April 5	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Church Lower Hall
April 12	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mercy Hall
April 19*	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Church Lower Hall

* Candlelight Stations

*Lent: a time of penance + a season of renewal + a call to conversion + a time of transformation
+ a yearly reminder of the daily call to come home +*

Reconciliation

Experience God's Mercy

The Sacrament of Penance is offered on Saturdays and by appointment. During Lent, there will also be a Parish Penance Service, with opportunities for individual confession on:

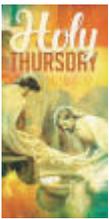
Wednesday, April 17, at 7PM in Our Lady of Lourdes Church
(this will be the last opportunity for confession before Easter).

The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic receive the Sacrament at least once a year. The Church also encourages frequent confession in order for us to grow closer to Christ Jesus and His Body, the Church. Though God already knows our sins, He waits for us to acknowledge those sins, repent of them, and seek forgiveness. In confession you have the opportunity to recover the grace of friendship with God. It is an opportunity to let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion.

Encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance.
Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness!



The Sacred Triduum & Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00 PM "Mass of the Lord's Supper" at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

Adoration at the Repository until 11:00 pm



Good Friday, April 19

3:00 PM "The Passion of Our Lord" at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

7:00 PM Candlelight "Stations of the Cross" at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*

followed by Sharing of Soup and Bread in the Church Lower Hall



Holy Saturday, April 20

Noon Blessing of Bread and Food Baskets at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*

8:00 PM The Easter Vigil at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

"During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus." - Pope Francis, Lent Message 2018



Easter Sunday, April 21

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

9:30 AM & 11:30 AM at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*

Throughout the Lenten season, the Church will prepare us step by step for the sacred experience of the drama of Holy Week - called "Holy" because of Christ's redemptive acts - presented through the sacred liturgy for our sanctification. The "Triduum", Latin for "three days", encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. The liturgies are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. They are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. To participate in these liturgies is to better understand what Christ did for us and why.

Please plan to join us.

MASS SCHEDULE AND WORSHIP SITES

Saturday: 5:00 PM *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

Sunday: 8:00 AM *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

9:30 AM *Our Lady Queen of Peace Church*

11:00 AM *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM *Our Lady Queen of Peace Church*

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church

161 Pitman Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071

Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 9:30 - 10:00 AM at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*; 3:15 - 4:15 PM at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*; and by appointment.

Sacramental Information: Full information can be found on our website or by calling the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday: Closed

Monday - Thursday: 10 AM - 5 PM

Friday: 10 AM - 3 PM

Saturday: Closed

PARISH REGISTRATION:

WELCOME to Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish!

New members are asked to register with the Parish. New parishioners are welcome, and may register in person at the Parish Office, or by filling out a *Registration Form* (available on our website as well as inside the entrances of our churches), and placing it in any collection basket.

***May your Lent be a time of
spiritual growth,
new blessings, and
an increased intimacy with Jesus!***